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Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR POLARIZATION CONTROL AND
POLARIZATION MODE DISPERSION COMPENSATION FOR WIDEBAND
OPTICAL SIGNALS

Art Unit : 2638
Examiner : Dzung D. Tran

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 12, 2005

Applicant requests consideration of the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1, 3-24, 49, 70, 73, 74, 77 and 80-83 are pending. Claims 1 and 77 are independent claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 80-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The Action alleges that the claims recite “multiple spatial modulators”, which is not described in the specification or shown in the drawing” (Action at page 2). We traverse. In fact, the Application states that “multilayer LC SLMs can be made by combining multiple single-layer LC SLMs”

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